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**Introduced by Senator Denham**  
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Galgiani)

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 118—Relative to the Correctional Officer Jose Rivera Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 118, as introduced, Denham. Correctional Officer Jose Rivera Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 99 in Atwater as the Correctional Officer Jose Rivera Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, On June 20, 2008, Federal Correctional Officer  
2 Jose Rivera was violently murdered by two inmates while  
3 employed at the United States Penitentiary Atwater in Atwater;  
4 and  
5 WHEREAS, Officer Rivera died needlessly at a very young  
6 age; and  
7 WHEREAS, It is important to remember Officer Rivera and to  
8 honor the contributions Officer Rivera made to our country; and  
9 WHEREAS, The third of five children, Officer Rivera grew up  
10 in Chowchilla and graduated from Le Grand High School in 2003;  
11 and

1 WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, Officer Rivera enlisted in the  
2 United States Navy; and

3 WHEREAS, Officer Rivera served four years in the military,  
4 which included two tours in Iraq; and

5 WHEREAS, After serving his country overseas, Officer Rivera  
6 returned to serve his country at home; and

7 WHEREAS, Upon his return, Officer Rivera began working for  
8 the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Atwater; and

9 WHEREAS, Upon his death, Officer Rivera was laid to rest at  
10 St. Patrick's Parish in Merced where services brought together  
11 friends, family, fellow officers, and other officials to honor Officer  
12 Rivera; and

13 WHEREAS, Many attended from different agencies and  
14 numerous states from across the country to pay their respects; and

15 WHEREAS, Officer Rivera's death is tragic and a reminder that  
16 the law enforcement officers who serve the public risk their lives  
17 on a daily basis; and

18 WHEREAS, We can only hope that this small tribute to Officer  
19 Rivera and his family serves as a reminder of his sacrifice and that  
20 the safety of all of our law enforcement officers is a matter of  
21 statewide and national concern; and

22 WHEREAS, Officer Rivera is survived by his mother Terry  
23 Rivera and his siblings; now, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
25 *thereof concurring*, That the northbound and southbound portion  
26 of State Highway Route 99 between the Franklin Road exits and  
27 the Winton Way and Applegate Road exit in Atwater is hereby  
28 designated the Correctional Officer Jose Rivera Memorial  
29 Highway; and be it further

30 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested  
31 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the  
32 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing the  
33 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate  
34 sources covering that cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

1     *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit a copy of  
2 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author  
3 for appropriate distribution.  
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**CORRECTIONS:**

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**Heading—Coauthor—Line 2.**

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